

1992 Great Lakes League...

Bedford wins 24th straight GLL title; Ross takes third

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OREGON — Saturday was business as usual for the Bedford Mules as they rolled to their 24th consecutive Great Lakes League Wrestling Tournament championship at Oregon Clay High School.

"It was another day in the office for them," Fremont Ross coach Grover Dowell said. "They had a real nice showing. Their boys are super sportsmen."

Bedford coach Bill Rainer said, "Team-wise, we have the best team here. We were 6-0 coming in and there wasn't anybody really close on us or tight on us, and our team was still intact. We felt that we could win it and we were going to do our best to get it."

Given Bedford's convincing 269-point victory, the race was for second place where Ross was edged 135-134 by Oregon Clay.

Despite settling for third, Dowell said the Little Giants are not terribly disappointed. "We're a young team. We had a nice tournament... You can't expect to take a solid second when you give up two weight classes (103

and 275)."

Ross did not have any entrants in those divisions.

Dave Boda gave Ross its lone championship in the 112-pound weight class. Boda advanced to the finals by chalking up two consecutive pins before pinning Tony Hernandez (one minute and 33 seconds) of Oregon Clay in the finals.

Boda said he expected the falls considering he had wrestled and defeated all three of his opponents previously.

"Basically I wanted to get them over with as soon as I could," Boda said. "That was my goal to pin them all."

In the 119-pound division Dave Alejandro faced Bedford's Fred Schumacker who defeated him in a dual meet earlier this season. Alejandro surprised Schumacker with a quick takedown but Schumacker bounced back, winning 6-2.

"He (Alejandro) was psyched up for that one and I don't think Schumacker wants to try for a third time. Schumacker was backing up a little bit at first," Dowell said. "Dave took it to him. I wish they could meet a third time; I think Dave would

have him."

The biggest upset of the day came when Jay Anderson of Oregon Clay upset 152-pound Michigan state champion, Ryan McBroom, of Bedford 9-1.

"I expected it to come out as a win," Anderson said. "I wrestled him two times before. He beat me 9-2 and cracked my ribs. Then earlier this year he beat me 3-2. So I felt it was time to come back and take care of him."

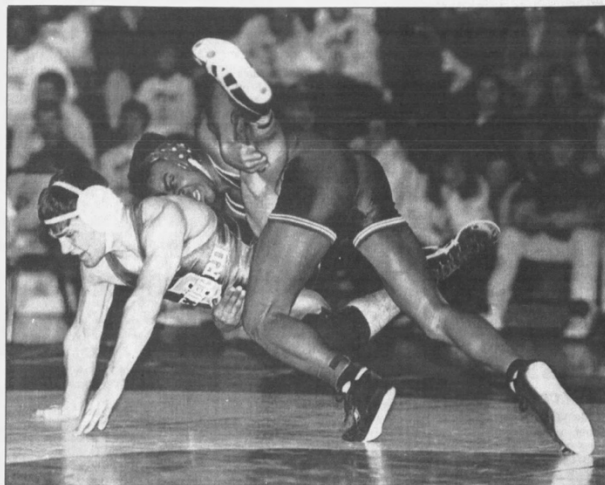
Shawn Heidelberg of Ross settled for second in the 135-pound division, after being pinned by Doug Fuller of Bedford.

John Luger blanked Whitmer's Jason Pitzen 7-0 to give Ross a consolation (third place) victory in the 130-pound weight class.

At 140, Dave Contreras of Ross captured third after defeating Keven Radzinski 7-2.

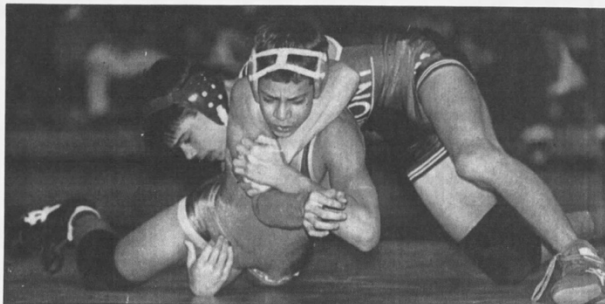
Colby Camarata gave Ross their last win with his 132-pound third place 8-2 victory over Napoleon's Jason Westhoven.

"All the guys that wrestled tonight, I thought did an outstanding job," Dowell said. "I just hope we can be on top of Bedford in a year or two. They've got a lot of seniors this year and we've got a lot of young kids."



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SHAWN HEIDELBURG, top, tries to turn Bedford's Doug Fuller during their 135-pound title match Saturday at the Great Lakes League Wrestling Tournament in Oregon.



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DAVID BODA, top, gets position on Clay's Gabe Hernandez during the 112-pound championship

match Saturday at the Great Lakes League Wrestling Tournament. Boda pinned Hernandez in 1:33.

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als sweep since Innsbruck in 1964.

World Cup leader Vegard Ulvang was first in 1:22.27, some 46 seconds ahead of Bjorn Daehlie, who collapsed in exhaustion at the finish line of the grueling course. Countryman Terje Langli was third.

"I skied a perfect race, absolutely perfect. What a day for Norway," Ulvang said.

Bill Koch, the 36-year-old American who won the silver medal in the event in 1976, finished 42nd as he continued his comeback after a five-year lay-off.

"It's great to be back, but this is only the beginning," said Koch, of Underwood, Wash. Koch, who's aiming for a return to his old form by the 1994 Olympics in Lillehammer, Norway, remains the only American ever to get an Olympic medal in a

would not affect the condition of the speedskating rink for the women's 500 meters later in the day. Bonnie Blair, the lone U.S. gold medalist in the 1988 Winter Games, was set to defend her title.

The fourth-seeded U.S. hockey team, in danger of becoming the only top seed to lose in the Olympics' opening weekend, needed a third-period boost from Tim Sweeney to beat No. 8 seed Italy 6-3 Sunday night. Sweeney sparked a four-goal outburst by setting up two goals and scoring on a breakaway.

But there were numerous other American missteps in early events:

National champions Calla Urbanski and Rocky Marval finished seventh in the pairs' original program Sunday night after Marval slipped while doing a double axel and bumped the boards. Teammates Natasha Kuchik and Todd Sand, ranked third in the world, tumbled to sixth after Sand made a similar slip.

their spirits, showed opening-game jitters in trailing Italy 3-2 into the third period.

Coming back "showed a lot of character," said Clark Donatelli, a veteran of the disappointing 1988 team that finished a repeat seventh.

Two Russian couples skating for the Unified Team — world champions Natalia Mishkutienok-Artur Dmitriev and Elena Bechke-Denis Petrov — stand 1-2 in the pairs after performing mistake-free original programs.

In a mild surprise, the downhill title on the controversial new "La Face de Bellevard" went to an Austrian who has never won a World Cup race — Patrick Ortlieb. Skiing first down the technically demanding course, Ortlieb finished in 1 minute, 50.37 seconds.

In the women's 3,000-meter speedskating, world record-holder Gunda Kleemann Niemann was unbothered by a somewhat slushy track in cruising to the

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GLL Tournament

TEAM STANDINGS

Bedford	269	Napoleon	110
Clay	135	Whitmer	91
Ross	134	Northview	65
Fostoria	113½		

Championship finals

103-Mark Williamson (B) d. Rob Moore (F) 12-6; 112-David Boda (R) p. Gabe Hernandez (C) 1:33; 119-Fred Schumaker (B) d. Dave Alejandro (R) 6-2; 125-Jeff Dec (B) p. Michael Fenstermaker (N) 3:16; 130-Loui Tibai (B) d. Jamie Schiavone (C) 15-3; 135-Doug Fuller (B) p. Shawn Heidelberg (R) 1:12;

140-Todd Hicks (B) t.f. Jason Harmon (F) 19-4; 145-Casey Gerber (B) d. Shan Feehan (F) 7-2; 152-Jay Anderson (C) d. Ryan McBroom (B) 9-1; 160-Jess Hurley (B) p. Matt Bisher (N) 9-5; 171-Jamie Brescol (B) d. Jake Miller (C) 8-2; 189-Andy Miller (F) d. Jay Woodbury (B) 7-6; 275-Matt Gregory (B) p. Mark Duran (C) 1:14.

Consolation finals

(For third place)

103-Eric Dubendorfer (W) d. Corey Amonette (N) 1-0; 112-Gabe Rodriguez (C) won by default over Chuck Eid (B); 119-Wil Groll (C) d. Todd Baughman (N) 8-1; 125-Matt Merrill (R) d. Ryan Dubendorfer (W) 8-4; 130-John Lugar (R) d. Jason Pitzen (W) 7-0; 135-Jeremy Bick (W) d. Andy Wagner (N) 6-4;

140-Dave Contreras (R) d. Kevin Radzinski (N) 7-2; 145-Rich Schuppenies (N) d. Mike Buziac (W) 8-3; 152-Colby Camarata (R) d. Jason Westhoven (N) 8-2; 160-Doug Billian (W) d. Ira Turner (F) 10-1; 171-Mark Schumaker (W) d. Jamie Lewallen (F) 20-11; 189-Ben Myer (N) p. Kelly Toth (C) 2:36; 275-Shane Stoner (N) d. Mike Lehsten (W) 8-4.